

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended): A system, comprising:
 - a remote control device, the remote control device including:
 - a processor;
 - a remote control receiver in communication with the processor;
 - an input device in communication with the processor; and
 - an output device in communication with the processor, wherein the output device is for providing an alert to a user when a scheduled event occurs; and
 - an electronic device, the electronic device including:
 - a receiver for receiving signals from the remote control device;
 - an electronic program guide; and
 - a transmitter in communication with the electronic program guide, the transmitter for transmitting data from the electronic program guide to the remote control device, wherein the data indicates an occurrence of the scheduled event.
9. (Original): The system of claim 8, wherein the data include television program starting times.

10. (Original): The system of claim 8, further comprising a telephonic device in communication with the transmitter.

11. (Original): The system of claim 8, wherein the output device includes at least one of a speaker and a light source.

12. (New): The system of claim 8, wherein the remote control device further comprises a smart card reader/writer in communication with the processor.

13. (New): The system of claim 12, further comprising a smart card.

14. (New): The system of claim 13, wherein the smart card is configured to include information concerning at least one of a user profile, a user history, a favorite show, a favorite channel, a favorite theme, a channel order, a parental control, a pay-per view purchase, and a pay-per-view spending limit.

15. (New): The system of claim 13, wherein the smart card is configured to include information concerning at least one of a user Internet profile, an e-mail account, an Internet browser bookmark, an account name, an address list, a security feature, and a display format for Internet browsing on a television monitor.

16. (New): A remote control device, comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a remote control receiver in communication with the processor, wherein the remote control receiver is for receiving data from an electronic program guide wherein the data indicates the occurrence of a scheduled event;
 - an input device in communication with the processor; and
 - an output device in communication with the processor, wherein the output device is for providing an alert to a user when the scheduled event occurs.
17. (New): The remote control device of claim 16, wherein the output device comprises a light source.
18. (New): The remote control device of claim 16, wherein the output device comprises a speaker.
19. (New): The remote control device of claim 16, wherein the output device is configured to provide a customized alert for a particular scheduled event.
20. (New): The remote control device of claim 19, wherein the customized alert includes a plurality of noises, wherein the plurality of noises vary in pitch.

21. (New): The remote control device of claim 16, wherein the data include television program starting times.

22. (New): The system of claim 16, wherein the remote control device further comprises a smart card reader/writer in communication with the processor.